

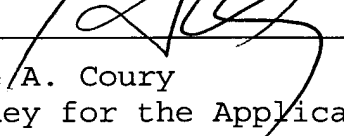
Remarks/Arguments

This paper is submitted responsive to the Official Action mailed December 8, 2004. In the aforesaid action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-8 and objected to claim 9 and Figure 6. Since the case was in condition for allowance in all other respects, the Examiner closed prosecution.

By the present response, claim 9 has been amended as requested by the Examiner, and Figure 6 has been amended to remove the extra reference numerals which were not mentioned in the text of the application. Thus, it is believed that the formal matters raised by the Examiner have been addressed, and formal allowance of the application through issuance of a Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this paper. If, however, any fee is due, please charge same to Deposit Account 02-0184.

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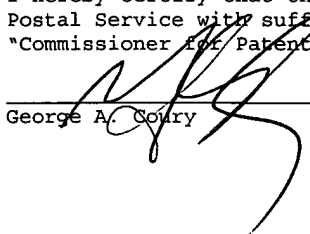

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FIG. 6